DOCUMENTATION FOR AMIS.BBS

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REQUIRED HARDWARE

ATARI 400 OR 800 WITH 40K.

BASIC CARTRIDGE

ONE OR MORE DISK DRIVES

ATARI 850 INTERFACE

ATARI 820,822 OR 825 PRINTER

D.C. HAYES SMARTMODEM

REQUIRED FILES:

LOADS CLOCK MODULE
AND 850 BOOT
MAIN BBS PROGRAM
CONFIGURE BBS
MESSAGE DATA BASE
MESSAGE POINTERS
CALLERS DATA BASE
SYSTEM POINTERS
NEW USER TEXT
WELCOME TEXT
BULLETIN TEXT
FUNCTIONS TEXT
DOWNLOAD FILE INFO
HELP TEXT
PROTECT DISK DRIVE

- @ = REQUIRED ON STARTUP DISK
- * = REQUIRED ON WORK DISK IN DR.1

FILE FUNCTIONS

AUTORUN.SYS

THIS PARTICULAR VERSION LOADS IN THE 850 BOOT, THE MACHINE LANGUAGE CLOCK MODULE, AND LOADS AND RUNS THE AMIS PROGRAM.

INIT.BBS

THIS IS A ONE TIME RUN.

THIS FILE WILL PROMPT THE USER,

AND HELP HIM TO CREATE FOUR

DATA FILES: MESSAGE.DAT

MESSAGE.ISM

CALLERS.DAT

CONFIG

YOU WILL SPECIFY THE NUMBER OF SECTORS FOR THE MESSAGE DATA BASE. IF USING ONE DISK DRIVE, START WITH 150 FOR MESSAGES. THIRTY-THREE SECTORS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE SET ASIDE FOR THE SELF-SERVICE CALLERS.DAT FILE.

AMIS.BBS

THIS IS THE BBS PROGRAM FILE.

IT REQUIRES THE FOUR DATA FILES,

CREATED BY INIT.BBS, AND THE SIX

TEXT FILES ALL BE PRESENT ON DRIVE

ONE. YOU WILL ALSO NEED ANY

DOWNLOAD FILES YOU HAVE

WITH THE EXTENSION OF .UDL

THE BBS IS SETUP TO USE THE DC. HAYES SMARTMODEM. AND THE OPTION SWITCHES ON THE HAYES ARE TO BE SET TO THE FOLLOWING:

SWITCH	#	SETTING
DTR	1	UP
VERB.	2	UP
QUIET	3	DOWN
ECHO	4	UP
RING	5	DOWN
CD	6	UP
RJ11	7	UP
N/A	8	DOWN

YOU WILL ALSO NEED YOUR MODEM CABLE WIRED UP AS FOLLOWS:

MODEM PIN <----> 850 (R1:)

TRAN. 2 -- 3 SEND (OUT)

REC. 3 -- 4 REC. (IN)

GROUND 7 -- 5 GROUND

CARRIER 8 -- 2 CRX (IN)

DTR 20 -- 1 DTR (OUT)

RING 22 -- 6 DSR (IN)

WHEN YOU RUN AMIS.BBS, THE PROGRAM WILL PROMPT YOU TO ENTER TODAY'S DATE AND THE CURRENT TIME.

AFTER DOING THIS, THE PROGRAM WILL PROMPT YOU WITH "WORK DISK IN?"

AT THIS POINT, YOU SWAP YOUR START UP DISK WITH YOUR DRIVE ONE WORK DISK AND HIT <RETURN>.

THE MODEM WILL THEN BE GIVEN ITS INSTRUCTIONS. YOU WILL SEE THIS ON YOUR SCREEN. THE BBS IS NOW UP AND RUNNING. YOU WILL SEE THE TIME UPDATED ON YOUR SCREEN.

SYSOP NOTES: OPTION---USED TO UPDATE DATA FILES AND
EXIT THE PROGRAM. (NOT REQUIRED)
SELECT----

IN IDLE, USED TO SELECT LOCAL MODE. SO THE SYSOP CAN RUN THE BBS FROM HIS KEYBOARD.

ON-LINE, USED TO PUT SYSTEM IN THE CHAT MODE. MUST BE DONE AT VERY START OF COMMAND LINE...

NOT USED, EXCEPT FOR RING-BACK SYSTEMS TO ANSWER THE CALL...

START----

ALL OTHER FUNCTIONS ARE USER PROMPTED.

MESSAGE.DAT

THIS IS THE MESSAGE DATA BASE.

MESSAGE.ISM

THIS IS A ISAM FILE USED FOR QUICK SCAN OF MESSAGES.

CALLERS.DAT

THIS IS THE CALLERS DATA BASE.

CONFIG

THIS IS THE FILE POINTERS FOR THE DATA BASES.

UTILITY FILES-----

MESSAGES

THIS FILE ALLOWS THE SYSOP TO DELETE MESSAGES AND COMPACT THE MESSAGE FILE WHEN IT IS NEAR FULL.

NOTE: --- YOU CAN'T COPY THE DATA
FILES TO A NEW DISK UNLESS YOU
DO A DOS FUNCT J. THE FILES
ARE UPDATED BY NOTE AND POINT,
FROM THE ISAM FILES!

IF YOU ARE USING ONE DISK DRIVE, YOU MUST CHANGE THE "D2:" TO "D1:" IN LINES 5100 & 5400.

ERRORS----

ALL ERRORS ARE REPORTED TO THE PRINTER. THE LINE & ERR NUMBER IS GIVEN.

DATA FILES----

THE SECTOR NUMBER OF ANY MESSAGE ENTERED INTO THE SYSTEM IS PRINTED AFTER THE MESSAGE TO HELP YOU FIGURE OUT WHEN YOUR MESSAGE.DAT FILE NEEDS TO BE SERVICED BY THE MESSAGES PROGRAM.

BACK-UP----

I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU COPY YOUR WORKING DISK AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK! BEFORE YOU COMPACT THE DATA BASE FILES!!!

AS RECEIVED, THE PROGRAMS YOU HAVE

DOWNLOADED TONIGHT WON'T WORK.

THE START UP DISK MUST

CONTAIN DOS.SYS OR THE SYSTEM WON'T

START...BYE THE WAY, THE SYSTEM IS

STARTED UP JUST LIKE YOU WERE LOAD
ING UP A MACHINE LANGUAGE GAME EXCEPT

THAT BASIC MUST BE IN. THE AUTORUN

FILE MUST BE RENAMED TO AUTORUN.SYS.

THE NEWU, WELC, BULL, FUNC, DOWNDOC, AND HELP FILES REQUIRED ON YOUR WORK DISK ARE ALL TEXT FILES. IF YOU ARE NOT IN POSSESSION OF A TEXT EDITOR OF SOME KIND (ASSEMBLER-EDITOR CART, TEXT WIZARD, LETTER PERFECT, ETC.), YOU WILL FIND THAT IT IS NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE TO RUN THIS SYSTEM.

GOOD LUCK WITH THE SYSTEM. I'VE BEEN THROUGH MANY A PROBLEM WITH THIS SOFTWARE, SO FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME THROUGH THE MACE WEST BOARD WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

MACE WEST---> 313 274-3940 24 HRS <--